

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on December 26, 2007 has been received and its contents have been carefully considered.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-15, 17, and 18. In fact, only claim 19 was rejected. In reliance on the allowance of the remaining claims, and in a desire to expedite the allowance of this application, Applicants have cancelled claim 19. Accordingly, the rejection has been rendered moot, and this application has been placed in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. Should any fee be required, however, the Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778, and requested to advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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